



Prior Panels and Reports Lessons from the Past

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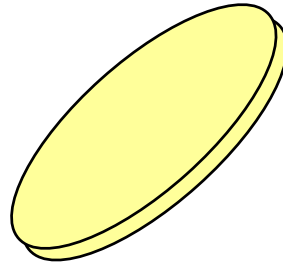
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Hopes & Fears of Panel

- Many members have expressed two sides of same coin

Panel and project
could make a real
difference



Panel and project
could fail to make
a difference



Many Prior Panels, Reports

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Health Security
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Why Do the Problems Remain?

- The problem is the focus on individual problems
 - the plight of the uninsured tugs on heartstrings
- We must also focus on feasible solutions
 - to reach purse strings as well
- We must look at benefits of expanding coverage, as well as the costs
 - involving both public and private monies



Making This Panel Different

- The project is well staffed
 - Dedicated DOH and Urban Institute staff
- We will do the research necessary to make the case for insurance expansion
 - To business
 - To taxpayers
 - To the bond-market

But we need LEADERSHIP to promote this work

And we must be willing to share the pains and gains



**This Panel can make a
difference**